



**LIBERTERREAN**

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The 2nd annual Armored Barbarism tournament was last Saturday. Jody Caldarulo, veteran AB and miniatures player was randomly teamed with Ed Williger, the most dramatically improved AB player I've ever seen. I was teamed with Eric Sander, new to AB (and to the tactical effect of air power); but with obvious tactical armor play experience.

The 1st round saw us playing the German side against US units of Jody and Ed. I had 4 good tank destroyers (JgdTigers) and 3 lighter TD's and a PzIVFl. I also had 12 88's (only 5 of the 88/71), and some smaller atg's, together with 5 Nebelwerfer. Eric had a large panzer force.

Fortunately for me, Ed lined up 6 of his heaviest tanks on a ridge about 1200m from my 88's. I knocked out 4 of them before the survivors ducked for cover, not to see action again. My game plan was to lay back and defend my CP. By the end of the round, I'd lost all my atg's and half my 88's to IF and CAS. I lost no tanks.

Eric launched the most exciting tank assault of the day. 3 or 4 platoons advanced on Jody's position for over 1000m until they came to the slope of a hill. US M8's and some infantry were dispatched by the Germans rather quickly, together with a couple of Stuarts. No German losses. Then the US Air Force arrived and DE'd 10-12 panzers before Eric could extricate his force. Next, Eric tried a rush at the center of Jody's line with 6-7 tanks. These were handled easily by 90mm atg's and M10's in defensive array. Eric had one other thrust going, thru the woods on Jody's right flank. Jody's infantry tried to slow the advance where the only close assault of the game was launched unsuccessfully against a PzVG. In spite of Eric's successes on this flank, Eric's chances to win were dashed on the other flanks, in spite of the fact that 2/3 of his aerial tormentors had been downed.

The 2nd round had me with a British force teamed with Eric's US force. I had 7 platoons of armor with green crews and 27 tubes of 25 pdr guns. I could deliver about 23 tons of HE per turn (about 195 impact hex factors). Jody had CAS again, and OMA, together with 5 88's. Totalling the HE on all attacked hexes, Jody had as much IF attack strength as me. But mine was more flexible, in smaller units. I could break mine up into more attacks. The early turns saw Jody and me trying to cream each other with HE. I lost 3 or 4 units early without getting anything in return. But then my fire began registering in. Both of us realized death was coming by IF unless something was done to neutralize its effects. I'd placed all my tubes in a shadow behind two hills, so he couldn't spot fire to me unless he took an advanced position. IF is easy to counter: put out the "eyes" by smoking or DE'ing spotters; smoke your own positions; or keep in the dead areas behind terrain, like my 25 pdrs.

After I DE'd several BTGs on my left flank, I sent out a platoon of Fireflies in a cloud of smoke to rush the German CP. Once my smoke cover scattered wrong, and he got off his only Df 88 shot. And he sent 6 or 8 TDs into my smoke to get me. We traded shots at under 300m, so my fireflies gave as good as they took. But he got them all. Late in the game, there were 7 turns left and I had over 20 afvs which could reach his CP with a turn or two to spare. He had only one TD left and an Hq afv. Even if he got off a shot apiece on every turn, I'd still have 6 units to walk onto his CP.

Eric, meantime, was being roughly handled by Ed. An assault by 5 JgdTigers supported by IF fixed Eric's attention. Eric knocked out 2 of the beasts, but he lost his whole blocking force. Ed had another thrust at the center, down the

most. Eric's quality equipment was being held on the hill in front of Ed's JgdTigers. Here he had only Grants and Stuarts to face the much heavier German. Eric was eaten up. By the end of the game, Eric had only 2 infantry squads and two Shermans, with the Germans swimming within 500 meters of his CP.

In my opinion, these 2 games were the best AB games I've yet played. As moderator I don't get to play often. This was the 2nd time I'd played since I was nearly pushed off the board by Jim Frediani last year. The spotting rules simulated well the effect of being able to fire from hidden positions without being spotted in return, even though we played without dummies. It showed its true force. All the casualties I inflicted in the 2nd round, except for my 3 Fireflys, were by IF. All of Jody's AFs but one were knocked out without ever getting off a DF shot. I was almost "carpet bombing his whole sector". My success probably simulated a breakthrough of the German lines by first applying heavy artillery preparation.

The final standings: 1st round: I scored 320; Jody scored 249; Eric, 147; Ed, 64 (!). 2nd round: Ed scored 355 (!) [See what I mean about "most improved"?]; I scored 273; Jody, 177; Eric, 114.

#### GAME OPENINGS:

The all-lawyers game still has only 6 requests for assignment. Bill Young suggests we open it to a "non-qualified" applicant, just to get the game going. I will agree to the wishes of the others who have signed up for this game.

ARMORED BARBARISM: "Assault on Mt. Crab". There is room for up to 6 players. I will start this game as soon as 3 are ready. I will hand amke the map sets, you need only send \$1 for the maps to be entered. The fee will be the same as for regular Lib run games, but the \$1 map fee will be deducted from the NMR deposit, and no further fees need be sent till turn 5.

During some of you will pick up the challenge to fight for this strategically insignificant and tactically irrelevant little town in SW Ohio. Will one player's tanks alone roam the streets of Mt. Crab? Will late Grant be his private pond, and the chief over Bardwell be his alone to command? Say it isn't so. For more info: Russell MacDonald, Jr., 444 Puthoff, Hamilton, OH 45013

In approximately 3 months JJ Seman & Art Lubell shall referee a strategic Napoleonic campaign. The corps, divisions, brigades, etc., shall be maneuvered and fought by Nows members living in and around Cleveland. Army commanders are needed from out of the northern Ohio area. This is to give command control problems to the various allied commands. The sub unit commanders shall also be unidentified so that all correspondence must go through the referees. Again, to simulate command control & drag time for messages. The price shall be \$1 plus SASE (if we can make it on this). Do not, as of yet, send \$, just signify interest and send SASE to: J.J. Seman, 8500 Connecticut, Cleveland, OH 44120.

Commands shall be given out in the order that requests are received. The number shall vary as to local interest.

#### WW2 Armored Barbarism:

Due to questions raised by players about the anomalies created by reducing WW2 afvs armor defense to one factor, I've redesigned the Appendix A for the 4 major countries: Germany, USSR, UK, USA. I've also taken advantage of the opportunity to verify firepower values with a pretty complete list of muzzle velocities and projectile weights which I recently used. The result is some dramatic alterations of attack strengths, especially among German and Soviet weapons. In addition, I've reduced all fire-control systems to "N". The Germans, only, may fit "SC" to any weapon, upon the paying of a 4 PP premium. This is pretty stiff, but it will keep him from unrealistically fitting it to everything he has without a serious penalty in the number of units he can field in 1940. Also, when you see a panzer position reported in the spotted units, you won't know if he can hit you at 2000m, or only at 500m. What a choice.

Larry Fong, the UK player has decided to take command of the Swedish units for the remainder of 1939. Walter Blank commands Norway and Denmark; Russell Fox commands the Low Countries. For the 1940 scenario, I will accept requests to play Poland, USA, and even Japan.

There's been some confusion about panic for 1940 under the AB-8 rules. For this WW2 game, 1940 and beyond, I will still apply historical panic levels to all countries. You do not all start at "5".

1939 AB Scenario: Turn 10

Yugoslavia: Spotted Units  
Italian: same as last time;  
Yugoslavian: A13-1408E, Mk6-2-2309A,  
RR-3516F

Iran  
Fire Takss:  
T35-1818E @ Mk6-1416 NE  
PTRD-1415 @ " " "  
" -1315 @ " 1316 NE

Spotted Units:  
Iranian: Mk6-1316A, 25 pdr-3130C;  
Turkish: Pz38t's--3330E, 3429E, 4815D,  
PzJgr47-3530E;  
Russian: inf--1315, 1415; T70-3230B;

German Offensive:  
Fire Tasks:  
Smoke: 1027, 1428, 1431, 1233;  
IF: 3805, 4205  
B102-2323C @ 3B11-1629 NE  
B103-2432B @ " " "  
B401-1713B @ 5B11-2407 NE  
B104-2526B @ 4B21-2714 NE

[Belgians blowing off a lot of ammo!]

Spotted Units:  
German: 3B11-1330E; 4B21-2116E;  
5B11-2108E;  
Swedish: S100-2104D;  
Norwegian: Y402-2115B;  
Belgian: B102-2323C

Press:

(AP) A statement released by the German High Command: "Because of recent events in the German Liberation Operation, there will be a slight halt while our AFVs change over from steel to rubber treads. We hope this measure will insure that we don't wake up anymore rebels. We are also issuing rubber bands and paper clips to all troops which we feel will be adequate against any aid which France sends to the rebels."

Ankara: The Turkish government regrets missing several moves. This was made necessary as the government has moved to a more defensible part of the city. Letters should be addressed: 816 Geary St. #53, SF, CA. 94108.

Ankara: Turkey today announced that due to the lack of Soviet response to Turkish letters Turkey must protect its own in-

terests. The government did not even express hope that the Soviets would respond before bloodshed. As of yet Turkish troops have been ordered not to shoot anyone shot at.

Ankara: The president's advisers are replacing his Volkswagen as of yet had not been possible, but hope is still high.

Moscow: In a 45-minute speech today, Russian commissar of defense "Dobovell" Krackup blasted German saber rattlings as simply the clatter of Paper Tigers blowing in the warm air of the Chance-fire heated breath. Krackup declared the state of the Defense sound as the Russian Public during recent Youth Demonstrations in the government's favor as signs of a New German Expansion about to come forth.

Moscow: Students demonstrated in support of executing the Russian cabinet today in reaction to financial minister Markup's announcement of a devaluation of the Ruble by 78% to offset the nation's 93% inflation. Markup also had good news as he announced that the Soviet Union still enjoys 100% employment. Markup also stated that another 1.2 million workers were being called up to help in the national efforts to count all the sand in Marshall's Gobi Desert, a project begun by Markup in 1923 as an effort to keep unemployment down. It is estimated that 37.8 million are now thusly employed.... Amazing!

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg (Rutgers): Grand Duchess Charlotte announced today the due to the recent and continuing war with the imperialistic German Reich her country will fire upon German units.

Paris (Rutgers, AP, etc): President Fox today announced that "under the German Reich vacates the territories it is forcefully occupying, the low Countries, the French Republic would be forced to declare war. This is not an idle threat."

The German ambassador to France, Herr Heinrich Villigan, said that "Germany does not annex lands."

Paris (via Tarzana): On the radio, as comic relief I offer the following statement: "...and the rain storm is moving out of our area. Thus, at 11:59 PM, this will be the last statement on today's storm...."

## AB-8 Iranian Expansion, 1981

Basra, Iraq: Iraqi government officials today announced that fascist forces of the capitalistic Iran invaded our great nation from the Iranian seaport of Abadan. Sources in Iran state that the Iranian goal is to gain the Iraqi port of Basra. Although no definite spotting of the fascist Iranians have occurred, as of this writing, it is 100% positive that the invasion exists.

Baghdad, Iraq: (Iraqi Press International) It was announced today by President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr that due to the recent invasion by the capitalistic Iranians Iraqi forces are moving to turn away the communist invaders.

[No spotting this turn as it turns out the Iraqis are on an AB-6 map, and the Iranians on an October War map. To clear up the confusion, I ask both players to send me their turn moves on both maps (if you have them). When I'll pick October War's map. Otherwise, we'll use the AB6 map.]

## DIPLOMACY

NEW GAME: GERMANY CALIFORNIA ANNEXES  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FOR THE "ALL-CALIFORNIA"  
DIPLOMACY: "B-1978"

Austria: Randy Christopher, 15170  
Colombo Ave., San Martin, CA 95046

England: Bill Bryg, Box 9311,  
Menlo Park, CA 94035

France: Chuck Spiekerman, 707 Bristol  
Ave., Berkeley, CA 95204

Germany: Ron Brown, 1528 El Sereno Pl.,  
Bakersfield, CA 93304

Italy: Dave Grabar, 4346 E. Armel Ct.,  
Las Vegas, NV 89110

Russia: Fred Bolin, 816 Geary St. #53  
San Francisco, CA 94108

Turkey: William Brawner, 2485 Pinto Ct.,  
Moraga Hill, CA 95037.

You now have until the deadline for Liberranean Issue #94 to conduct your initial diplomacy and submit your moves for Spring, 1981. Good luck!

1975 GY Fall, 1912

TURKEY WINS BY CONCESSION! GAME PRODUCES  
BEST TURKEY, AND BEST GERMANY SCORES!

France(Tutacko): nmr, F nth and A bel  
/d/;

Germany(B.Bryg): F edi-NTH\*(s) by F  
HEL\*, A LPL\*-yor, F cly-EDI\*, A NWY\*, A MUN\*-  
bur, A ruh-BEL\*(s) by A HOL\*, F kie-DEN\*,  
A war & A MOS\* (s) each other [A war /d/]  
[whoops, A mun was /d/, also!]

Turkey(Dave Ditter): A ARM\*-sev, A SEV\*-  
mos, A ukr-WAR\*(s) by A GAL\*, A tya-MUN\*(s) by  
A BOH\*, A ven-TYA\*, A PIE\*-mar, A bul-RUM\*,  
F ION\*(s) A TUN\*, F APU\*, F NAP\*(s) F TYS\*.

## HISTORY:

A-Doug Hollingsworth; E-Peggy Gemignani;  
F-Dave Tutacko; G-David Wildman (droW'07),  
Bill Bryg; I-R.P.Johnson; R-William Clumm;  
xxxx T-Gary Behnen (droW'07), Dave Ditter  
(win F'12)\*

	A	E	F	G	I	R	T
01	4	4	4	6	4	6	4
02	4	2	6	7	4	5	5
03	1	1	7	7	6	4	8
04	1	0	8	9	6	2	8
05	0		8	11	4	0	11
06			8	11	4		11
07			11	11	0		12
08			12	10			12
09			11	11			12
10			12	10			12
11			9	11			14
12			6	11			17*

## NEW DIPLOMACY STANDINGS:

[The Top 10]:

1. Dave Ditter: 46.43
2. Russell Fox: 42.20; 3. Dennis Klein: 35.03; 4. Gary Kilbride: 30.85;
5. Bill Bryg: 29.16; 6. Fred Bolin: 19.35;
7. David Mueth: 19.22; 8. Bob Spencer: 17.29
9. Dave Tutacko: 13.56; 10. Dennis Agosta: 13.50

## BEST COUNTRY:

AUSTRIA: 12.6, Russell Fox  
ENGLAND: 8.00, Dennis Klein  
FRANCE: 9.54, Dennis Klein  
GERMANY: 9.58, Bill Bryg  
ITALY: 12.65, Gary Kilbride  
RUSSIA: 11.43, Dave Ditter  
TURKEY: 10.54, Dave Ditter

1977 IE ~~xxxx~~ Spring, 1908:

England(Brown): A STP\*(s) Turkish A  
os; F nwy-NTH\*(s) by F LON\*, A lpl-WAL\*,  
eng-BEL\*, A EDI\*, F spasc-LYO\*, F NAP\*-tun,  
mid-SPA\*(sc), F bre-MID\*;

France(Slaughter): F nth-DEN\*;

Germany(Lesch): A ber-PRU\*(s) by A LVA\*  
& F BAL\*, A mun-sil [/d/], A BUR\*-mun,  
A MAR\*-pie;

Italy(Don Ditter): A ukr-MOS\*(s) by  
A WAR\*, A sil-MUN\*(s) by A BOH\* & A TYA\*,  
A VEN\*-pie, F WES\*-tun, F rom-TYS\*, A RUM\*,  
F nap-ION\*, F con-AEG\*, F smy-EAS\*;

Russia(Young): F pru-lva [/a/]  
A SEV\*(s) Italian A ukr-mos, A ank-ARM\*;

Turkey(Cook): A mos (h) [/a/]

The deadline for Fall, 1908 is 1.00 PM,  
Monday, March 6, 1978.

Press:

London: The Prime Minister today  
called a press conference to congratulate  
war hero Admiral Francis Ferry (remember  
him?) for the successful landing of British  
forces along the coast of Africa. He said,  
With the flag of Britain flying over Morocco,  
is there any doubt that the entire Medi-  
terranean will next come into the Common-  
wealth?"

1977 IF Fall, 1907:

ITALIAN A VENICE REMOVED BY MODERATOR!

England(McManus): F WAL\*-lon, F nwy/d/;  
France(B.Bryg): F bar-NWG\*, A pic-BRE\*,  
A GAS\*(s) A BUR\*, F SPA\*(sc)-mid, F tun-WES\*;

Germany(Bolin): A stp-NWY\*(s) by F SKA\*  
& A SWE\*, F nth-EDI\*, F hol-NTH\*, A LON\*,  
F ENG\*-mid, A MUN\*-bur (s) by A BEL\*, A RUH\*  
(s) A Bel, A TYA\* & A VIE\* (s) each other;

Italy (CD): no units;

Turkey(Spiekerman): F BLA\*, F ion-TUN\*  
(s) by F TYS\*, F rom-TUS\*, A ven-PIE\*, A apu-  
TEN\*, F eas-ION\*(s) by F AEG\*, F alb-ADR\*,  
A TRI\*(s) A apu-ven, A BUD\*(s) A Tri, A rum-  
ER\*, F.

Center Distribution:

England: ~~7/4, 4/4~~ (0) out;  
France: home, spa, por, lpl, ~~7/4~~ (6) even;  
Germany: home, bel, hol, den, swe, mos, war,  
ay, stp, vic, LON, EDI (14) build 2;  
Italy: ~~7/4~~ (0) out;  
Turkey: home, bul, gre, rum, sev, ser, bud,  
ri, rom, nap, VEN, TUN (14) build 2.

The deadline for Winter, 1907 AND Spring,  
1908 is 1.00 pm, Monday, March 6, 1978.

Press:

Paris to Berlin and Constantinople:  
I am hereby asking for the game to be ter-  
minated in a 2-way draw awarded to the  
of you. I am not sure whose was the dis-  
senting vote, but it sounded like you,  
Fred, called for it, and Turkey said that  
he would OK it, which leaves only England  
to dissent, who is not long for life. Un-  
less you two want to fight it out, there  
is little reason to continue the game, as  
there is no diplomacy left to enact, only  
piece-pushing. So let's see either I call  
for a draw or a backstab.

London: The German High Command took  
the surrender papers of the United Kingdom  
today. Celebration was at once announced  
on the Thames. General Moustain the bril-  
liant general of the Russian campaign has  
taken over operations in the north. The  
general reports that although England is  
defeated a small band of them may survive  
in Liverpool, but that this in fact would  
hurt the French more than Germany. All  
operations are expected to be ended by the  
end of the upcoming year, at which time  
the general is expected to take over the  
front with France.

1977 IG Winter, 1906

SEASONS SEPARATE AT PLAYER REQUEST!

Austria(Anderson): NMR. thanks to  
Dave Grabar [see B-1978 for his address]  
for stand-by moves: remove F GGP.  
England(Mueth): build F LON\*  
France(Jones): build A PAR\*  
Germany(D.Bryg): no adjustments  
Italy(Dave Ditter): no adjustments  
Russia(Michalski): no adjustments  
Turkey(Neuharth): build F LON\*

P The deadline for Spring, 1904 is  
1.00 pm, Monday, March 6, 1978

Press:

Bulgaria to Greece: "Prepare the  
reception."

London: It's reported that the com-  
bined German and English drive against the  
reactionary French forces is going very  
well, with the destruction of the French  
Picardy forces and the breakthrough of the  
Germans into Burgundy. Even as this re-  
port is being given an English army is en-  
tering the city of Brest, and the entire  
heartland of France is now open to the tak-  
ing by the combined English and German for-  
ces. The die is cast and the end is near  
now. During the next two years it will be  
only a mopping up exercise to finish this



short. It is regrettable that an Italian fleet has entered into the fight, especially now that the end is so near for France, just what do they think they are doing in the Atlantic, especially since the King and Government of England did offer that same fleet the Kingdom of Spain, which could have been theirs during this past season. Why would Italy make a mistake like that?

Oslo, Norway: The peaceable return of the English Navy to Norway has been heralded by the people of that happy country, and all have rejoiced well that it was possible because of the growing friendship and co-operation that has been established between the Royal English Government and the Tzar of Holy Russia. Long live Russian-English friendship, a top of the world alliance!

1977 IX Spring, 1903

Austria (thanks to Jerry Jones, 1854 Wayner St., Pasadena, CA 91107 for taking Gary's position): F TUN\*-ion, A alb-TRI\*, A alb-SER\*(s) by A BUD\*, A VIE\*(s) A bud;

England (Tutacko): F ske-NWY\*(s) by F ITH\*, F SWE\* & F NWG\*;

France (Girson): F SPA\*(sc) (s) A Mar, A MAP\*(s) A bur, A par-PIC\*(s) by A BUR\*, F gas-ILL\*;

Germany (Pinelli): A DEN\*(s) English F Iwe, A BEL\*(h), A MUN\*(h), A hol-ruh [fails because it's F HOL\*, not A hol], A BEL\*-hol A pic-pal /d/, must retreat CTB, OR BRE;

Italy (thanks to David Mueth, 202 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth, FL 33460 for taking up this position; thanks also to Craig Reges for offering to take it): A PIE\*-mar, A ton-VIE\*, F Iyo-TYS\*;

Russia (Don Ditter): F stpnc-BAR\*(s) by F Iwy [F Iwy /d/], A gal-SIL\*, A ukr-RUM\* A ruc-ILL\*(s) by F BLA\*;

Turkey (McMamus): F ion-ALB\*(s) by A GRE\* & A ser [A ser /a/], A con-BUL\*.

The deadline for Fall, 1903 is 1.00 PM, Monday, March 6, 1978.

Press:

Constantinople: I am truly sorry that Gary is forced to withdraw from playing Diplomacy. I have enjoyed playing with and against him in more than one game. His withdrawal will be a loss to the hobby as a whole.

Headline to London & Paris: Peace!!!

A-1978 Fall, 1901:

GERMAN FORCES STRETCH ACROSS THE EUROPEAN PENINSULA FROM NORTH TO SOUTH IN 1901!

Austria (Reges): F gnb-GRE\*, A TRI\*(s) A SER\*;

England (Grabar): F nth-NWY\*(s) by F NWG\*, A yor-EDI\*;

France (Christopher): A pic-BEL\*, F mid-POR\*, A SPA\*;

Germany (Wolf): A bur-MAR\*, A kie-HOL\*, F DEN\*;

Italy (Klein): A VEN\*, A apu-TUN\* (c) by F ION\*;

Russia (B. Bryg): F bot-SWE\*, A stp-FIN\* A ukr-RUM\*, F SEV\*-bla;

Turkey (Brown): F ANK\*-bla, A BUL\*(s) Russian F sev-rum [nso], A CON\*.

The deadline for Winter, 1901 is 1.00 pm, Monday, March 6, 1978.

Press:

Moscow to Rome: I would still like to hear from you.

Spain to Constantinople: Now you have heard from my.

The invasion of Norway is one of tactical strategy. We do not wish to fight any wars with any of our neighbors. Peace is what we want.

Constantinople: [hmmm, my mistake, no press this time.]

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QUOTES FROM THE LIBERTERREAN:

(New Yorker) A new tough-skinned tomato has been developed which remained intact after a 6-foot demonstration fall to a hard floor. The fall is equivalent to a 13.4 mph impact speed, nearly 3 times the current safety standard for auto bumpers.

(The Progressive) Robert P. Beasley, former executive vice president of Firestone Rubber Co, has been indicted by a Federal grand jury for allegedly stealing most of \$1 million in corporate money that was intended for illegal political campaign contributions.

(Vegetarian Times) The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have launched efforts to recall a canary birdseed after it was discovered that 15% of the feed is made up of marijuana seeds.

